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CF1. ABSENCE OF RESOURCES OFFICER UNTIL END OF AUGUST AND HEAVY COMMITMENT OTHER ECON SECTION RESOURCES TO RAPIDLY APPROACHING XPORT DEVELOPMENT MISSION (ARRIVES OCTOBER 2), NOW MAKE IT APPARENT THAT MEANINGFUL RESPONSES TO REFERENCED THREE REQUESTS FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND GAO MINERALS STUDIES WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE BY SPECIFIED DEADLINES. WE BELIEVE THAT A TWO WEEK SLIPPAGE IN RESPECTIVE DEADLINES WOULD PERMIT US TO DEVELOP INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS REQUESTED, AND HOPE THIS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

2. IN THE INTERIM, AGENCIES MAY WISH TO CONSULT FOLLOWING TOKYO AIRGRAMS: A-204, SEPTEMBER 7, 1978:
"ALUMINUM-JAPAN RESCUES A DEPRESSED INDUSTRY"; A-063,
MARCH 11, 1977: INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK REPORT, MINERALSJAPAN"; AND A-157 OF APRIL 27, 1976 AND A-342 OF
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OCTOBER 6, 1976, OBTH REPORTING ON "JAPANESE NON-FERROUS METALS STOCKPILING ASSOCIATIONS." IN ADDITION, WE ARE POUCHING TO EB/ISM THREE COPIES EACH OF SEVERAL OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS.

3. ALSO, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY ONE OF MOST KNOWLEDGABLE CONTACTS THAT TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO THE STANFORD

RESEARCH INSTITUTE DID A SIMILAR STUDY ON MINERALS AVAILABILITIES. THIS IS NOT IN OUR FILES, BUT WE ASSUME AGENCIES CAN OBTAIN COPIES. MANSFIELD

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